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461 For the men, the days pass in busy idleness. They spend a great deal of time in the men's house, often bored to death, sunk into a half-awake state from which they can arouse themselves only with difficulty. They can be very energetic, however, and at some accustomed activity, especially if it has the nature of a sport, develop great endurance.

481 For example, they are excellent swimmers. They swim with irregular movements, somewhat like dogs, and, strange to say, they often spread out their fingers when they push off. Perhaps it is because of their irregular, effortless movements that they have such extraordinary endurance. A boy of about eight swam under the 500-ton steamer of the Anglican Mission without
515 ado (2). Since the men so often disport themselves in the sea,

2. [Cf. also O'Ferrall, section "Sailing Canoe."]

[302] they are fairly clean, and in the case of many of the younger ones it was plainly to be seen that they adorned themselves
181 with great care and tried to look elegant. They are definitely vain, more so than the women.

They are inquisitive, alert, and not stupid, and it appears that the race, thanks to a dominant Polynesian strain, may perhaps be counted among the higher Melanesians.

• 962 It is said that women not infrequently commit suicide by hanging as a consequence of bad treatment by the men.

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302 I did not anywhere see the colored plaits of the men that are mentioned by Coote (3). This style has probably died

3. [Ethn., I, p. 75.]